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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL
(submit an original and a duplicate for processing)

- I. This is a request for a duplicate
 continuation
 divisional

application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application No. 09/762,643 filed on May 18, 2001 entitled VESSEL FOR WITHDRAWING BLOOD

Notes

The above-identified application, in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. 122 is hereby waived under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of an application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the PTO may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

A continuation-in-part application is not permitted to be filed as a CPA and must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

In a CPA, reference to the prior application is not needed in the first sentence of the specification and will not be entered if submitted.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this CPA transmittal and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date June 11, 2003, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label No. EV 324 140 297 US addressed to the: Mail Stop CPA Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-Washington, D.C. 20231.

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1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
 2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
 3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application.
 - a. Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application
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b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed in parent application.
 - a. PTO-1449
 - b. Copies of IDS Citations

FEE CALCULATION

Number filed	CLAIMS AS FILED			Rate	Basic Fee
		Number Extra			
Total claims	56	-20=	36	\$ 18.00	\$ 750.00 648.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	-3=	0	x \$ 84.00	0
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))				\$ 280.00	0

— Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time (37 CFR 1.16(d))

Filing Fee Calculation

reduction by 50% for filing by small entity	\$ <u>1398.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>1398.00</u>

NOTE: If the fees for extra claims are not paid on filing they must be paid or the claims canceled by amendment, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency. 37 CFR 1.16(d).

6. Small Entity Statement

- A verified statement that this filing is by a small entity:
- a. is attached
 - b. has been filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
 - c. is no longer claimed.

7. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayments to Account No. 03-2468.

X 37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
X 37 CFR 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
X 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)

8. Attached is a check in the amount of \$ 1398.00

9. Other Preliminary Amendment;

10. New correspondence address :

(The PTO will use the correspondence address listed on the file of the prior application unless otherwise notified):

11. Signature of applicant, attorney or agent required:

Name: Kurt Kelman

Signature: Kurt Kelman

Reg. No. 18,628

Date: June 11, 2003